

## H.C.R. No. 48

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

*BE IT RESOLVED by the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, That the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Texas meet in Joint Session in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 11:00 a.m.; and, be it further*

RESOLVED, That the Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor of the State of Texas, be, and is hereby, invited to address the Regular Session of the 84th Legislature in Joint Session at that time.

Kuempel

Adopted by the House on January 26, 2015: Yeas 137, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting;  
adopted by the Senate on January 27, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Filed without signature.

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## H.C.R. No. 50

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article III, Texas Constitution provides that neither house of the legislature may adjourn for more than three days without the consent of the other house; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas, That each house grant the other permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Thursday, January 29th, 2015, and ending on Monday, February 2nd, 2015.

Simpson

Adopted by the House on January 28, 2015: Yeas 135, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting;  
adopted by the Senate on January 28, 2015: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Filed without signature.

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## H.C.R. No. 53

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 21.004(a), Government Code, provides: "At a convenient time at the commencement of each regular session of the legislature, the chief justice of the supreme court shall deliver a written or oral state of the judiciary message evaluating the accessibility of the courts to the citizens of the state and the future directions and needs of the courts of the state."; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the 84th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, That the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Texas meet in Joint Session in the Hall of the House of Representatives for that purpose on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at 11:00 a.m.; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Honorable Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, be, and is hereby, invited to address the Regular Session of the 84th Legislature in Joint Session at that time.

Landgraf

## RESOLUTIONS

**H.C.R. 56**

Adopted by the House on February 2, 2015: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting;  
adopted by the Senate on February 9, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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### **H.C.R. No. 56**

#### **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature for each of the last 16 regular sessions has adopted a concurrent resolution authorizing the creation and appointment of joint interim legislative study committees by the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of representatives; and

WHEREAS, Renewal of the prior authorizations to the presiding officers enables the legislature to address and study issues that remain unresolved on sine die adjournment or that emerge subsequent to that time; and

WHEREAS, It is also desirable to adopt by resolution various rules and policies regarding the operation of joint committees to supplement, and reconcile differences between, the senate and house rules of procedure; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby authorize the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of representatives to create by mutual agreement such joint committees as they consider necessary during the term of this legislature; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That each joint committee created pursuant to this resolution be composed of such combination of legislators, state officials, or citizen members as shall be determined mutually by the presiding officers of each house; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That on the request of the presiding officers, the governor may appoint members to a joint committee created pursuant to this resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the presiding officers issue for each committee so created a joint proclamation identifying the issue or issues to be studied and listing the committee membership or describing the committee composition and that the proclamation be filed with the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the presiding officers designate jointly a chair, or designate alternatively two co-chairs, from among the committee membership; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the chair or co-chairs, acting jointly and within four weeks of the proclamation, prepare and present to the presiding officers a proposal for budget and staffing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the chair or co-chairs be directed to use to the greatest extent possible the existing staff and administrative resources of committee members, standing committees, officers of the senate and house, and legislative service agencies; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the presiding officers jointly review each budget and staffing proposal, adopt budgetary and staffing allocations, and determine the manner in which each joint committee is to be funded; and, be it further.

RESOLVED, That the joint committee chair, or the co-chairs acting by mutual agreement, have authority to create and appoint subcommittees or affiliated advisory panels and to designate respective chairs for each, contingent on the advance approval of the presiding officers for the creation and appointment of subcommittees or advisory panels containing membership external to the committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That each joint committee, and its subcommittees and advisory panels, convene at the call of its chair or co-chairs; provided that no joint committee, nor its